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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2002, please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title, please add the following:

"This application claims priority to European Application Number 99105581.5 filed on March 13, 1999."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

6. (Amended) A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, wherein